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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Asghar Bilgrami

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 March 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 March 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable over Weiser (U.S. 5,982,507).

3. As per claims 1, 9 & 12 Weiser disclosed a system for distributing information comprising: a first client computer having first software with a print functionality; a second client computer; a network connecting said first and second client computers; and means for effecting communication of a document from said first client to said second client as email via said print functionality thereof (col.4, lines 26-44 & col.5, lines 1-6).

4. As per claim 2 Weiser disclosed the invention of Claim 1 wherein said first software is application software (col.4, lines 60-67).

5. As per claim 3 Weiser disclosed the invention of Claim 1 further including a server connected to said network (col.4, lines 26-44).

6. As per claim 4 Weiser disclosed the invention of Claim 3 wherein said means for effecting communication includes means for communicating said document through said server (col.1, lines 55-67, col.2, lines 1-5 & col.5, lines 1-6).

7. As per claim 5 Weiser disclosed the invention of Claim 4 wherein said means effecting communication includes a first agent running on said client (col.1, lines 45-51 & col.5, lines 1-6).

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8. As per claim 6 Weiser disclosed the invention of Claim 5 wherein means for communicating includes a second agent running on said server (col.8, lines 23-27).
9. As per claim 7 Weiser disclosed the invention of Claim 1 further including email software running on said second client for receiving said document (col.1, lines 23-30 & col.8, lines 10-19)
10. As per claim 8 Weiser disclosed the invention of Claim 7 wherein said email software includes means for receiving a message associated with said document from said first client (col.1, lines 35-42 & col.3, lines 32-39).
11. As per claim 10 Weiser disclosed the invention of Claim 9 further including email software running on said second client for receiving said document (col.2, lines 25-30, col.5 & lines 50-57).
12. As per claim 11 Weiser disclosed the invention of Claim 10 wherein said email software includes means for receiving a message associated with said document from said first client (col.2, lines 25-30, col.3, lines 32-39).

Conclusion

13. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Mazzagatte (U.S. PUB 2002/0083114A1) discloses obtaining temporary exclusive control of printing device.

Chiu (U.S. 6,076,111) discloses methods and apparatus for transferring data between data processing systems which transfer a representation of the data before transferring the data.

Cavill (U.S. 6,003,069) discloses a client/server printer driver system.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Asghar Bilgrami whose telephone number is 703-305-4623. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:00-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on 703-308-5221. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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